

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: English Learner Assessment Coordinators

FROM: Abe Krisst, Bureau Chief

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SUBJECT: 2017-18 Required English Language Proficiency Assessment

On June 9, 2017, Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education, sent superintendents a memorandum titled *English Learners - Identification, Accountability, and Assessment*. In order for districts to prepare to administer the LAS Links (Connecticut's English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessment) to English learners, please consider the following additional information.

The required ELP assessment this year is the LAS Links Form C. This test will be provided by Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) via an ONLINE test delivery system. **All** English learners in Grades K through 12 must participate in this online assessment.

To ensure that all districts are prepared to administer the LAS Links Form C during the test window (**January 3, 2018 through March 9, 2018**), DRC will be sending an e-mail to all English Learner Assessment Coordinators with a LAS Links Technology Readiness Survey. One component of the survey requires coordinators to identify the district-level information-technology professional responsible for this testing. This person will need to set up and maintain district access for the 2018 online test administration for the LAS Links. DRC will work with this individual and will provide all necessary training. In order to help you make an appropriate selection, you may wish to reference the <u>LAS Links Online Technology Requirements</u>.

Please contact Janet Stuck at 860-713-6837 or <u>janet.stuck@ct.gov</u> if you need additional information.

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